

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1759

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to officers; amending 51 O.S. 2011, Section 6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2016 (51 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6), which relates to exemptions to the prohibition against certain dual office holdings; extending certain exemption to cover county offices and positions; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 2011, Section 6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2016 (51 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6. A. Except as may be otherwise provided, no person holding an office under the laws of the state and no deputy of any officer so holding any office shall, during the person's term of office, hold any other office or be the deputy of any officer holding any office, under the laws of the state. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. Notaries public;

2. Members of the State Textbook Committee;

1 3. County free fair board members;

2 4. Municipal and county law enforcement officers serving in
3 positions as law enforcement officers of both such governmental
4 entities upon such terms and conditions as are mutually approved by
5 resolutions adopted by the board of county commissioners and
6 governing body of the municipality employing such officers;

7 5. Any person holding a county or municipal office or position,
8 or membership on any public trust authority, who is a member of a
9 board or commission that relates to federal, state, county or
10 municipal government and is created by the United States Government,
11 the State of Oklahoma or a political subdivision of the state,
12 except where the duties of the offices or positions conflict;

13 6. Any elected municipal officers and school board members who
14 are appointed to a state board, commission, or similar entity if
15 there is no compensation for such services other than reimbursement
16 for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the provisions of the
17 State Travel Reimbursement Act;

18 7. Any trustee of a public trust, who is appointed as a trustee
19 of a different public trust or any trustee of the Tulsa County
20 Public Facilities Authority who may also be employed by the
21 Department of Transportation;

22 8. Law enforcement officers employed by municipal or county law
23 enforcement departments or agencies, other than those law
24 enforcement officers elected or appointed as sheriff, chief of

1 police or some similar position in which they are the head of a
2 county or municipal law enforcement agency, who are elected to local
3 boards of education; provided, the provisions of this paragraph
4 shall not prohibit any law enforcement officer employed by a
5 municipality having a population of ten thousand (10,000) or fewer
6 people from serving as a member of a local board of education;

7 9. Any member of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division of the
8 Department of Public Safety who is elected to a local board of
9 education;

10 10. Any District Supervisor, Assistant District Supervisor,
11 Team Supervisor, Parole Officer 1 or Parole Officer 2 of the
12 Department of Corrections who is elected or appointed to a city
13 council;

14 11. Any trustee or director of a rural electric cooperative, or
15 port authority who is appointed or elected to a state, county or
16 municipal board, commission or similar entity;

17 12. County employees who are elected as members of town or city
18 councils;

19 13. Municipal, county, state or tribal law enforcement or peace
20 officers operating under cross-deputization agreements with an
21 Indian tribe or branch of the federal government;

22 14. Municipal or county law enforcement or peace officers
23 serving in positions as campus police officers or campus public
24 safety officers pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Campus

1 Security Act, upon such terms and conditions as are mutually
2 approved by resolution adopted by the governing body of the
3 municipality or county and the governing board of the institution of
4 higher education;

5 15. State law enforcement or peace officers serving in
6 positions as campus police officers or campus public safety officers
7 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Campus Security Act, upon
8 such terms and conditions as are mutually approved by written
9 agreement between the Commissioner of Public Safety and the
10 governing board of the institution of higher education;

11 16. Municipal, county and state law enforcement officers
12 serving in positions as part-time or seasonal rangers or peace
13 officers under the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department or the
14 Grand River Dam Authority;

15 17. Members of the University Hospitals Authority;

16 18. Any person holding a state or county office or position who
17 is a reserve force deputy sheriff, or a reserve special agent with
18 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control
19 or a reserve municipal police officer;

20 19. Any person holding a state office or position who serves as
21 a special assistant district attorney without compensation;

22 20. Any elected or appointed member of a local school board who
23 is a member of a municipal planning commission;

1 21. Any elected or appointed member of a local school board who
2 is a member or an officer of a volunteer fire department;

3 22. Directors or officers of a rural water district and chiefs
4 of municipal fire departments or rural fire districts who are
5 appointed or elected to an unsalaried office in a state, county,
6 municipal, school, or technology center school board, commission, or
7 similar entity, except where the duties of the office would create a
8 conflict of interest;

9 23. Any person who is a dispatcher or confinement officer at a
10 municipal or county jail who is a noncompensated reserve municipal
11 police officer or a reserve deputy sheriff;

12 24. Any person who is an assistant district attorney serving as
13 a municipal judge or prosecutor;

14 25. Any park ranger under the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
15 Department or any game warden or reserve game warden employed by the
16 Department of Wildlife Conservation who is elected or appointed to a
17 local board of education or to a municipal governing body, board,
18 commission or similar entity;

19 26. Members of the Oklahoma State University Medical Center
20 Authority, the Oklahoma State University Medical Trust or the State
21 Board of Osteopathic Examiners;

22 27. Any member of the state Legislature or any state officer
23 who serves on the board of trustees of the Oklahoma School for the
24 Visual and Performing Arts; and

1 28. Members of the Council on Judicial Complaints.

2 The provisions of this section shall not prohibit any person
3 holding an office under the laws of the state or any deputy of any
4 officer so holding any office from serving upon the board of
5 Oklahoma Futures or upon the board of directors of the Oklahoma
6 Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. The
7 provisions of this section shall not prohibit a member of the board
8 of directors of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science
9 and Technology from serving upon the board of Oklahoma Futures.

10 B. Any salaries, emoluments or benefits that would otherwise be
11 paid by the agency or political subdivision to a loaned employee or
12 officer shall instead be paid to the regular employer of such
13 employee. The loaned employee shall in turn be paid regular salary
14 and benefits the same as if continuing regular employment with the
15 permanent employer.

16 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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